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Studien zum Commentator Cruquianus. Von JOHANN ENDT.
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The object of these studies, a product, apparently, of the Horatian school of O. Keller, is to prove the worthlessness of the Commentator Cruquianus as a source of ancient tradition. The author shows by many examples that the Commentator in fact represents the interpretative activity of Cruquius himself, drawing from the scholia of various MSS, from other ancient sources, and even from earlier printed editions. This result does not differ from the characterization of the Commentator which is given by Teuffel-Schwabe 240. 3, with this difference: that Endt apparently denies that the Commentator contains even a residuum of valuable material which is not found elsewhere. The author has characterized the method of Cruquius with a thoroughness and wealth of illustration which is admirable and useful, but I do not see that his investigation proves his own contention that the commentary of Cruquius may be ignored by the editor of the Horatian scholia. To do this it would be necessary to point out the origins of all the matter which is apparently peculiar to the Commentator, and I do not see that this has been attempted. It is certain that Cruquius drew interpretative material from a MS or MSS no longer extant. That this material is identical with scholia found in existing MSS is a thesis conceivably demonstrable, but until such demonstration is made Horatian scholars may be pardoned for using, though with great reserve and caution, matter derived from the Commentator Cruquianus. To admonish such reserve, and to illustrate Cruquius' method of work, Endt's studies will be found very serviceable: it is the more to be regretted, therefore, that his presentation is singularly obscure and perplexing.

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